

Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

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Committee Members Present

Jessa Barnard
Lisa Draper
Mike Fisher
Jordan Giacano
Devon Green
Dale Hackett
Rebecca Heintz
Sharon Henault
Zachary Hozid
Gladys Konstantin
Helen Labun
Joan Lavoie
Erin Maguire
Kirsten Murphy
Jamie Rainville
John Schultz
Sarah Teel
Julie Tessler
Jason Williams

DVHA Staff Present

Amy Coonradt
Alicia Cooper
Zachary Goss
Cory Gustafson
Sandi Hoffman
Adaline Strumolo
Shannon Mead
Jessica Ploesser
Nissa James
Jonathan Zehnacker
Bill Clark
Lisa Schilling
Sebastian Arduengo

Other Interested Parties

Lucie Garand
Bard Hill
Betty Morse
Cynthia Seivwright
Alexandra Sosnowski

*This meeting was held by conference call only.

Documents

- Advisory Committee 2_22_21 Agenda.pdf
- Advisory Committee PPT 2_22_2021.pdf
- [DVHA SFY2022 Recommended Budget](#)

All are posted to the [Vermont Health Connect website](#).

Convene

Devon Green chaired the meeting.

Roll Call, Approval of Minutes and Quorum

Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager (DVHA)

A quorum was present.

January 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

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Electronic Visit Verification: Overview and Status

Bill Clark, Medicaid Compliance Officer (DVHA)

Presentation of Vermont's implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for personal care services as required by the 21st Century Cures Act. Electronic Visit Verification collects information about the date of the visit, the person providing the visit, the person receiving the visit, the services performed, the location of the visit, and the time the visit begins and ends. More information may be found on the DVHA website at:

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/initiatives/electronic-visit-verification>

Please also see: Advisory Committee PPT 2_22_2021.pdf slides 4-14.

Integrated Enrollment and Eligibility Overview and Status

Jonathan Zehnacker, Deputy Program Sponsor (DVHA)

Presentation of an overview of the Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment program. The projects are intended to produce a better experience for customers and staff, allow Vermonters to fill out a single application for benefits and to do so online, by telephone, on paper and in person, and ultimately improve the accuracy of eligibility determinations. The value of customer feedback is a core tenet of the Program; the Program is taking big pieces of information technology work and implementing small modules/pieces that immediately begin to improve customer and staff experience. Accomplishments under the Program (2019-2020) were reviewed, and the Committee was provided a preview of the work planned for the next few years under the Program.

Please see: Advisory Committee PPT 2_22_2021.pdf slides 15-29.

Commissioner's Update

DVHA is experiencing a growth in enrollment due to the continuing coverage requirement (due to the COVID-19 public health emergency) which is accompanied by the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for all states. Subsequent "one-time funding" that is being discussed in the Vermont Legislature currently was not part of the Governor's Recommended Budget for State Fiscal Year 2022

DVHA's proposed budget for state fiscal year 2022 includes:

- Administration: Decrease of \$1,562,420 (gross), in large part due to discontinuation of the federal electronic health record incentive payment program.
 - Program: Increase of \$20,069,161 (gross) funding for caseload and utilization changes (more budget details can be found in the Department's budget presentation in the House Committee on Health Care hearing, located at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBQLRxBnS8M>
 - Current year data indicates increased membership and decreased utilization.
 - SFY2022 projections indicate decreased membership and increased utilization.
- For more information, please see: [DVHA SFY2022 Recommended Budget](https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Budget_Legislative_Rules/DVHA_Annual%20ReportSFY20_SFY22%20Budget%20Recommendation_Appendices%20With%20Vantage%20%28002%29.pdf) (also located here: https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Budget_Legislative_Rules/DVHA_Annual%20ReportSFY20_SFY22%20Budget%20Recommendation_Appendices%20With%20Vantage%20%28002%29.pdf)

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Discussion:

- A letter will be drafted to articulate the Advisory Committee's support of maintaining the current Medicaid budget and for funding initiatives that support addressing health equity in Vermont, specifically among vulnerable populations.

The 1115 Global Commitment Waiver Open Meeting

The 1115 Global Commitment Waiver Open Meeting will occur on February 25th from 2-3:30pm. This is an opportunity for stakeholders and the provider community to provide feedback to the Administration on how using the 1115 waiver funding differently can improve the Vermont health care system, particularly for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee webpage

The Advisory Committee meeting materials and calendar currently found on the Vermont Health Connect website will be migrating to the DVHA website in the coming months.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Next Meetings

March 22, 2021

April 26, 2021

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Site: Meetings will be convened through *Microsoft Teams* due to the State of Emergency produced by COVID-19 until further notice.

Please visit the Advisory Committee website for up-to-date information:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/advisory_board/meeting_materials

Additional Information:

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19>